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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT
FOR THE DASH BOYLE HEIGHTS/EAST LOS ANGELES TRANSIT SERVICE
WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service in the unincorporated County community of East Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute a 3-year funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service for the total amount of \$1.2 million.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The funding agreement will continue the operation of the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service in the unincorporated County community of East Los Angeles. The County has cooperatively funded this service with the City of Los Angeles since March 2007.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). This service provides mobility for transit-dependent patrons and improves their quality of life. By continuing to jointly fund this service with the City, transit services are provided to County residents in a responsive and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total estimated cost of the service less farebox revenue from April 15, 2016, through March 31, 2019, is \$4 million of which approximately \$1.6 million will be offset by Formula Allocation Procedure funds. The City is eligible to receive Formula Allocation Procedure funds, including State Transportation Assistance, Transportation Development Act, Federal Section 5307, and Proposition A funds provided by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The City and County will each finance 50 percent of the remaining \$2.4 million for a total estimated County contribution of \$1.2 million.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget. Funds to finance the operating costs for Fiscal Years 2016-17 through 2018-19 will be included in the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In March 2007, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority discontinued Metro Line 255 that provided a direct connection between the East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital and the County-University of Southern California Medical Center. The City extended the existing DASH Boyle Heights route to Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles to replace the cancelled line. The extended service enables East Los Angeles residents to reach community destinations by providing connections to regional transit lines and the County's El Sol Shuttle Service.

On March 13, 2007, the Board authorized the County to contribute annually to the City to finance the County's share of the operating costs for the expanded service into East Los Angeles. Based on route mileage within each jurisdiction, the County's share is 50 percent of the net operating cost. The funding agreement will provide for the County's share of the service through March 31, 2019, at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million.

Upon approval, the City will be notified of our intent to continue contributing toward the operating costs for the service. The funding agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow the County to continue to participate with the City to finance the operation of the service in the unincorporated County community of East Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel (Rosa Linda Cruz)
Executive Office